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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Holy Spirit's Work

By Rev. Len. G. Broughton, D.D.

"Know ye the Spirit of God . . ."
—I John 4:2.

We hear a great deal in these days about experimental Christianity, but we do not hear as much about it as we ought to hear, or as our fathers heard. In their days it was a very much more vital question than it is with us. At the same time, in all evangelical churches we hear stress laid upon the necessity for experimental religion. Theoretically, no evangelical church of today professes to receive into its membership those who have not had a personal experience with Jesus Christ.

But there is another kind of experience that Christians ought to possess. It is enjoined upon them in the New Testament; and while it is not so vital as the kind just mentioned, it is nevertheless important for the life of the church and the development of the individual believer. It is about that experience that I desire to speak—the experience referred to by the Apostle John in the text—the experience that every believer ought to have with the Holy Ghost.

Now, John found it necessary in his day to instruct the church concerning the Holy Spirit because there were so many "isms" on every hand. It is needful for you, he said in effect, that you should know the Holy Spirit of God so that you may rightly interpret the workings of the Spirit in your midst.

We find it just as necessary to be so taught today. The church is beset with more "isms" than in the days of John. On every hand we are confronted with them. It is sometimes hard for us to tell which are the workings of Satan and which the workings of the Spirit of God.

There is Christian Science, for example, and Occultism, and New-Thought-ism. Some of the "isms" may accomplish, along certain lines, something that is good and helpful, but on other lines they are seen to be very full of heresies and of evil.

Here, then, we have THE TEST OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

I feel the importance of this test growing out of our environment. "Know ye the Spirit of God"—having personal experience with the Holy Ghost, so that you will know His workings upon your own heart, and will be enabled to interpret His work in the world.

The Spirit of God is revealed through the Word of God concerning His work in the world. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit should come and abide with

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Clay Cooper, Foreign Correspondent for Sword

Evangelist Clay Cooper, of Spokane, Washington, has long been active as director of the World-Wide Monthly Tract Club, as Youth For Christ leader and speaker, etc. We have published some of his sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Now Brother Cooper as a member of the Cooper-Newman-Erickson Gospel Quartet and Youth For Christ Team go abroad for a second world missionary tour leaving Spokane, October 26, arriving in Africa in mid-November. They will work closely with missionary societies in French Equatorial Africa, in Nigeria, Gabon, the Cameroons, South Africa, India, Formosa, and China, God willing, and "the island world of Southeast Asia." Mrs. Cooper, with the two preachers, Clay Cooper and John Newman, and the layman Joseph Erickson, make up the evangelistic team.

Evangelist Clay Cooper goes as a foreign correspondent of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and will be sending notes from far-off places telling of soul-winning efforts and blessings. We look forward to brief articles with burning words from the missionary fields of the world in the months ahead from our own correspondent.

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There's a list of premiums you can get with subscriptions on page 7. Glance over it now and see which you want to work toward. Then get busy and get in the subscriptions! You'll be having a part in the great blessing THE SWORD OF THE LORD can bring, and you'll benefit from it, too.

We pray that thousands will take advantage of this unusual offer. It's a real missionary work to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the homes of unsaved, and Christians alike. Souls are saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD (83 last year) and many more will be saved this year, God willing, if

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World Evangelization . . . It Can Be Done

By Clay Cooper
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(RADIO SERMON DELIVERED ON CHURCH OF THE AIR, STATION KNEW, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.)

"And Jesus, when he was come out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: SEND THEM AWAY, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: FOR THEY HAVE NOTHING TO EAT. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men."—Mark 6:34-44.

"It can't be done," I said, and then remembering the adage, "The man who said 'It can't be done'... got run over by the man who was doing it." The communists are do-

ing it! Who can deny it? They are "evangelizing" the world!

Not unlike the incredulity of Christ's disciples of long ago, was

"Thou Fool"

By Evangelist Joe Miller,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

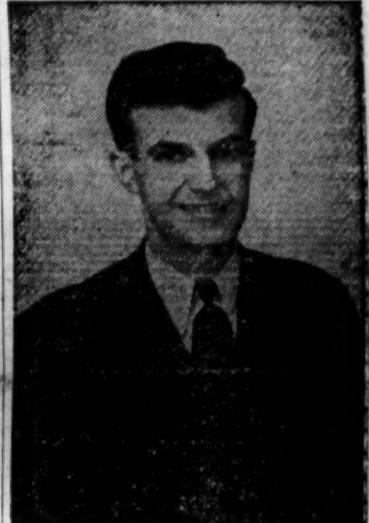
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"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."—Luke 12:16-21.

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" There are a lot of people today who read that in the Bible and they think it very harsh that the Lord Jesus would ever call anybody a fool. We read back in the fifth chapter of the book of Matthew where the Lord says "...whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." And right here in this verse the Lord Jesus said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Some people say, "If the Lord said you are not to call anybody a fool, then why does the Lord Himself call this man a fool?" Well, friends, there are a number of reasons for that. First, God has a right, and God has the privilege to do a lot of things that you and I do not have the right to do.

Suppose you say to me, "Joe, I want you to come over and visit me some time." And suppose tomorrow night as you come home from work, you look toward your front door and there you see a moving van. I am just carrying in



Evangelist Joe Miller

the last stand and the last chair. Suppose you say, "Joe, what are you doing?"

I say, "You told me to come visit you, so I just thought I would move in."

Suppose you say, "Well, as long as you are going to be here, I will go and get something for sup-

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Editor Takes A Vacation!

By Grace Rice MacMullen

In 1935, Editor John R. Rice took off three days and visited Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico with Mrs. Rice and Dr. and Mrs. Sam Morris. He has not taken a vacation since then—not a week off in 17 years!

Last spring Dr. Rice held a revival in Cody, Wyoming. It was a time of blessing and of good fellowship. The warmth of his Texas background responded to the open-hearted, easy-going Western ways. The head of the Christian Sportsmen's Association, Ray Cyphers, invited Dr. Rice to return this fall for a hunting trip, and plans were made. He chose as his companions for the trip Dr. D. A. McCall and his two sons-in-law, Walter Handford and Allan MacMullen. (Associate Editor Bill Rice was invited but could not go.)

On Thursday, September 18, the four men loaded Dr. Rice's car with sleeping bags, red jackets, hunting knives and rifles, then they piled in and headed West. On Sunday Dr. McCall and Dr. Rice spoke at the morning and evening services of the First Baptist Church in Powell, Wyoming. (Continued on page 8)



Rev. C. A. Cooper



Dr. Len. G. Broughton

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Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"...the word of the Lord... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

Prayer

Prayer is personal. Prayer is to be persistent. Prayer is pervasive. Prayer is powerful.

There is to be a *place* of prayer. Jesus prayed in private, in public, in the mountains, in the garden, on a cross. The mighty God in the person of His Son prayed. Only puny mankind refuses to pray. The disciples went up to the temple to pray. They prayed in a house—it was shaken. They prayed in jail. They prayed in homes. Where do you pray?

There is to be a *period* of prayer. Jesus prayed before He chose His disciples. He was praying before He was arrested. He prayed while flying. He prayed at night. He prayed during the day. The disciples prayed for ten days. They prayed before the coming of the Holy Spirit. They prayed before a great revival broke out.

There is *power* in prayer. The disciples were unable to do anything for a devil-possessed man. Jesus told them such power was but by prayer and fasting. Jesus charged His disciples to have faith in God. The Holy Ghost comes in answer to prayer. We pray for forgiveness of sins.

Revival would break out if we prayed. We would not countenance sin if we prayed. We would be for every good work in His Name if we prayed. "Pray ye."

Bible Building

In this column we have called attention to the buildings erected in Bible times such as altars, ark, Tabernacle, Temple, and, the church as a building. The New Jerusalem is pictured in building terms as follows:

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south

four things we need to place THE SWORD OF THE LORD in a position to help pastors and churches in an unexampled manner, and to win multitudes to Christ.

First, we need an adequate office, printing, and stock room building. In this building the work is planned, records are kept, books are written and distributed, tracts are written and mailed, letters by

Noteworthy NEWS Notes



B. B. McKinney Killed

Dr. B. B. McKinney, 66, music editor, secretary of the Department of Church Music of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and composer of more than seven hundred Gospel hymns, children's songs, and anthems, died five days after his car skidded and overturned September 2 in Bryson City, North Carolina. He was editor and compiler of four hymnals and nineteen song books. One of his songs, "Lord Send a Revival," has been used as a theme song in Billy Graham revivals. Funeral services were conducted in

Nashville, Tennessee, Tuesday, September 9. Burial was in a Nashville cemetery.

Rev. E. J. Pudney Visits Unevangelized Fields Mission Stations

Rev. E. J. Pudney, General Secretary of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, has visited four of the mission's eight mission fields during this summer. The trip took Rev. Pudney into British Guiana, Brazil, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic where services and conferences were held with the mis-

sionaries. There were many conversions during the services.

Best Seller Publicity Sponsors "Power of Verse" Contest

In honor of its fifteenth anniversary this year, Best Seller Publicity is sponsoring a "Power of a verse" contest. Contestants will write on "The Power of a Bible Verse in My Life" or "The Hope that Came Through a Best Seller Poster." All letters must be postmarked before midnight, December 1, 1952. For a copy of the rules governing the contest write to: Contest Department, Best Seller Publicity, 189 W. Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

President Rex Steward Lindquist of Rocky Mountain Bible Institute, 1226 Delaware Street, Denver, opened in 1951, expects to have 75 day-school students this winter, besides evening students. It is non-denominational, fundamental, premillennial.

Is It A Sin To Be Rich?

By the Editor

We have a letter from a good man in Nebraska, who saved, bought land, bought cattle, and with the help of his thrifty father, has become independent, owning a good deal of land, and making a good income. He asks, with real concern, whether it is a sin to be rich, and whether a man who earns more is entitled to more, and whether the time is coming in America, when opportunities for owning property will be limited because of a denser population.

Because there has been so much foolish teaching on this line, particularly in modernistic denominations, and in the Sunday School literature dominated by modernists and socialists, we give the editor's answer here.

September 2, 1952.

My dear Brother D.—

I thank you for your good letter, and I am glad to answer it and to give my opinion.

First, you were right in believing that a covetous heart is sinful. God does not want people thinking too much about money and about property. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. But the Bible does not even suggest that the rich man went to Hell because he was rich, nor that Lazarus was saved because he was poor. The rich man went to Hell because he would not repent of his sins. It is clear throughout the Bible that one who trusts in Jesus Christ is saved, and one who does not trust in Christ is lost. Having money or not having money; having land or not having land—these have nothing to do with salvation. Of course if a man should let his love for money or his love for anything else keep him from trusting Christ, it would result in his eternal doom. And after one is saved, if one has his mind too much taken up with making money, whether he is poor, or whether he is rich, it will dwarf his Christian life and make him more or less unfruitful as a Christian. The love of money is a great temptation, and covetousness is a great sin.

However, the Bible does not anywhere say that ownership of property is a sin. The Bible nowhere even hints that every man ought to have the same amount of property. Men do not deserve the same income because they do not work the same way. They do not spend the same way. They do not have the same kind of character. The clear Bible teaching is that earnings ought to be dependent upon one's work. One's reaping ought to be according to his sowing.

You have saved money, bought land, etc. It is true that there is now no more free government land, or very little of it. But there is really just as much chance to save money and to own property now as there ever was in America.

An automobile worker in Detroit probably has more money to spend than you have, and could

save money and have as good an estate as you have, in the same length of time, if he tried to.

Or a man working in the steel mills and getting fifteen to twenty dollars a day, or working five hours a day in the coal mines and getting fifteen to twenty dollars a day, could save money and have an estate equal to your own if he wished to do so, and if he were willing to do without as you have done without. Laboring people who have new cars, who carry heavy insurance, who eat steaks and pork chops, who take long vacation trips, who have television sets, could have saved money as you did, and have owned property.

Your idea that the frontiers in America have disappeared and that the opportunity for a man to save and own property and get ahead are diminished, is utterly wrong.

Most of my adult life I have gotten considerably less than an ordinary carpenter or a bricklayer, or automobile worker gets.

I have not saved up any property for myself, but my wife and I have given away over \$30,000

which we could have had for ourselves, saved by thrift, second-hand furniture, doing our own work, not spending money on vacations, not having as nice clothes as other people had, etc.

The opportunities for investment are no less now than they have been before. Some years ago hardworking friends of mine bought a house and lot for \$3,500.

The other day they sold the lot alone for \$22,500, moved the house off to another lot. And that kind of opportunity for investment is wide open in America, and people are taking advantage of that all the time.

You need not think that you got a special opportunity that other people do not have. And that kind of opportunity will continue for people who work and think and plan and save and invest.

And I assure you that careful planning, hard work, thrift,

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Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Prov. 6:6-8).

The Bible does not indicate that it is wrong to be rich. Instead, the Bible plainly says that it is God that gives the power to get wealth. The Bible indicates that God specially blessed Job and gave him riches because he was a faithful, good man and deserved it. The Bible boasts about the riches of Solomon, a man who received special wisdom from God. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob gave God the credit for giving them wealth, and the Bible certainly teaches that their wealth came from God because they trusted Him and served Him. The foolish talk in Sunday School quarterlies and by denominational literature, particularly Methodist denominational literature, condemning the owning of wealth and capitalism, is not based at all upon the Bible. And if one could redistribute the wealth, giving people what they did not earn, it would not bless them but would curse them. And then if people were left to themselves, without the meddling of a socialist government, for a few years, people would be divided again and those who work harder and are thrifty and saving, and are thoughtful; those who do not get drunk nor get divorces, nor depend upon the government, but simply go on in hard work and saving and thinking and investing, would get more money, and the spendthrifts and the lazy ones and those who want the government to support them, would be poor again.

Third, there is a great responsibility that goes with property. The rich should give to the poor when they are needy. The rich should take special care to help in matters of education and benevolence. Through the years, great men have felt that responsibility, and nearly all of our educational institutions, our hospitals, our orphanages, the Red Cross, the community Chests, have been largely supported by the gifts of wealthy men and women, besides private benevolence. Rich people pay more taxes but they give far more to the poor and to benevolent enterprises and charities also. A generous heart ought to go with a thrifty disposition, and God will continue to bless the man who is liberal in heart. "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Prov. 11:25). So the best way a rich man can use his money and his property is not by giving his property to the poor, or helping a socialistic government to "redistribute the wealth," but to see that he is liberal to God's causes and to poor people in real need and to charities that are carefully managed. And he should be sure that he gives God the glory for his wealth, that he uses his greater opportunity to do good in getting out the Gospel with his means. And thus he will do far more good than he could do if he were to give away his farm or his buildings, or his stock.

May God keep all of our thrifty, hardworking men of big earnings and good property holdings from having covetous hearts, and let them feel their responsibility and do good with their money.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
 John R. Rice

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SPIRITISM

Sometimes Misnamed Spiritualism

By Wm. C. Irvine

The Scriptures fail not to warn those living in the last days that many shall abandon the faith, "giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies" (1 Tim. 5:1, 2, R.V.). These spirits are well described as "seducing spirits," for they first seek to gain the victim's confidence and then to undermine his or her faith in the Word of God. When tempting Christ, Satan quoted (rather, misquoted) Scripture, and so do modern mediums; but like Satan in the garden of Eden, they soon seek to cast doubt on the Word of God and to belittle its authority.

Could anything be clearer than the following Scriptures:

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a-whoring after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and I will cut him off from among his people. . . . A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them" (Lev. 20:6, 27).

Growth of Spiritism

It was stated that in 1894 in North America alone Spiritism claimed 16,000,000 adherents, and that in the whole world there were 200 journals entirely devoted to its cause. Since the War, numbers caught in this awful delusion must have greatly increased. How far this cult has made inroads on Christian circles in the East we do not know; but we are saddened to see that a paper voicing Indian Christian interests, recently gave a somewhat favorable review of a book purporting to be a record of succession of private seances between a well-known scientist and his dead son.

Not all Trickery

Although much that passes for spirit manifestation is pure trickery, doubtless real communications are at times received from the spirit-world. Were it not so, Spiritism would have collapsed long ere this, but as Tennyson has said, "A lie which is half a truth is a harder matter to fight than a lie outright." Many grief-stricken souls in their agony have sought for comfort in the hope that Spiritism holds out to them, of getting access to their beloved dead through a medium; little realizing the dread danger they run through tampering with forbidden things. With a host of enlightened Christians we believe that what messages are received from the spirit-world are not received from the souls of those who have passed through the veil, but from demons who impersonate them.

Forbidden

The seeking after familiar spirits and the desire to get in touch with the dead is strongly and clearly forbidden by God in His Word:

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:19, 20).

"There shall not be found

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have forbidden the very name of it in their homes, as if it were a thing accursed; because, by the "black magic" which is always a part of it, it so often leads to insanity and death. "But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

In the Editorial of *The Christian* (London), March 1st, 1917, on *The Snare of Spiritualism* the writer well says:

Triviality is the very hallmark of spirit communications, and its most damning refutation . . . That Spiritualism is beset with the gravest dangers, often resulting in moral degradation, madness and even death, its advocates admit.

Spiritism and the Blood

We append two striking extracts, the first from an article by D. M. Panton culled from *Living Waters*, and the other from *The Life of Faith* by Dr. A. T. Schofield, the famous Harley Street Physician:

Spiritism is a planned and determined overthrow of the Christian faith. Dr. A. C. Dixon says: "Do you believe in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation? Do you believe that the atoning blood removes the guilt of sin from the sin-stained soul? Ask the medium that. I have been asking that question all over the world for forty years: if there is any Spiritualist under the stars who believes that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin, and if I can find one who does, I am willing to apologize for all that I have said. I have never met one yet." And here is the answer of Sir A. Conan Doyle: "The whole doctrine of original sin, the Fall, the vicarious Atonement, the placation of the Almighty by blood—all this is abhorrent to me. The spirit-guides do not insist upon these aspects of religion." For the horror of what may happen now is but a faint shadow of that which is to come.

A. T. Schofield's Condemnation

By the lips of Sir A. C. Doyle it denies the foundations of the Christian faith. It also makes a gross parody of heaven, denies in *toto* the resurrection, either of Christ or man, and the judgment to come.

Its dangers are terrible, and are incurred by all who dabble with the cult. Professional mediums suffer terribly in body, mind and morals, and the vast majority are victims to vice or drink. All spiritist leaders have given warning of these dangers, but Mr. A. F. Sennett's disclosures are the most awful, and those he dare not print, certainly more so. Indeed, these and the worst horrors of Bolshevism are so akin that one cannot doubt their common origin from the pit. To say that such obscene and bestial devils, as possess their victims as truly today as by the Sea of Galilee, are in any sense human, is an intolerable libel on humanity. Indeed their existence proves the falseness of spiritism and the fact of evil spirits in the other world.

With regard to attempts at necromancy, there is as yet no scientific proof of any communications with the dead, in spite of the most determined efforts. Before Mr. F. W. H. Myers, the distinguished author of "St. Paul," died, he resolved to make necromancy an undoubted fact, and before he passed away wrote a long communication in a sealed envelope, and gave it to Sir Oliver Lodge, saying that after his death he would reveal the contents of the envelope, which could then be opened.

Mrs. Verrall, the medium, after his death, received this communication as she thought from Mr. Meyers, and it was sent to Sir Oliver Lodge, who then on December 13, 1904, sent a circular letter to the Council of the Society of Physical Research, and in their presence and in their rooms the communication was read. Then the letter was opened, and its contents were

Book Reviews

BOOK REVIEWS IN THIS COLUMN WILL USUALLY BE BY JUDGES OF THE SWORD BOOK CLUB AND WILL BE SIGNED

THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, by Earl Miller. Acme Publishers, 408 Walnut Street, Meadville, Pennsylvania. 92 pages, written to show the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. The writer is pre-millennial, a good student of Scripture, and his book has been favorably reviewed by a number of good Christian papers. Without necessarily endorsing every detail, we commend the book as scriptural and helpful. Cloth, \$1.50; paper, \$1.00.

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found to be absolutely different, and the experiment proved a total failure. Not only so, but in 1910 the President of the S. P. R. declared that no message from Mr. Myers had as yet been proved authentic. Moreover, Myers himself had forgotten he ever was a member of the S. P. R.

In the same way these supposed deceased spirits will give long messages for the "departed spirits" of men who are yet alive, from the imaginary brother and sister of only sons, and indeed from any suggested myth. The whole atmosphere is steeped in fraud. The *modus operandi* of the major part of the spiritual phenomena is very imperfectly understood. A small minority are due to the incursion of spirits (non-human) from another world, but the majority are the result of collective hypnotism or telepathy and the marvels of unconscious mind.

The trance is simply a condition of auto-hypnosis by which the medium is enabled to read and reproduce the unconscious minds and memories of the medium. It is thus that most messages supposed to come from the next world really come from this. But enough has been said to show the character of the cult, and when we consider the utterances of its latest apostle, Sir A. C. Doyle, who declares that our blessed Lord was a superior sort of medium, and he only regrets that He often lost his tongue, our minds recoil from the blasphemy, and I think every Christian should make the firmest stand against any traffic with spiritism in the present day. The supposed messages from the dead are delusions and the whole is steeped in injustice and fraud.

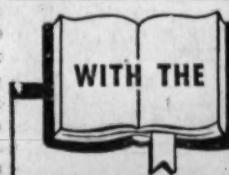
When the true spiritual life is more deeply cultivated and better known, Christians will be better able to detect the false spirits of this dangerous modern cult.

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REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER recently completed a Union Evangelistic Revival in Mobile, Alabama, sponsored by Christian Laymen and pastors of the area. Mr. Darrell Taylor led the singing and Mrs. Marie Shuler played the Hammond organ during the campaign. In addition to the many who were saved, four dedicated their lives to preach and twenty-one to full-time service. Several married couples and one whole family were saved. Dr. J. W. Stabler was appointed as chairman of the committee to make arrangements for a campaign next year.

EVANGELIST O. W. STUCKY reports blessing upon his work in Back to the Bible Revivals during the past few months. Travels have taken him from Florida to California. Many precious souls have been saved, he reports, and in the Bible work, over 37,300 chapters have been read and more than 300 folks have signed a Bible reading covenant which takes the reader through the Bible in one year. He

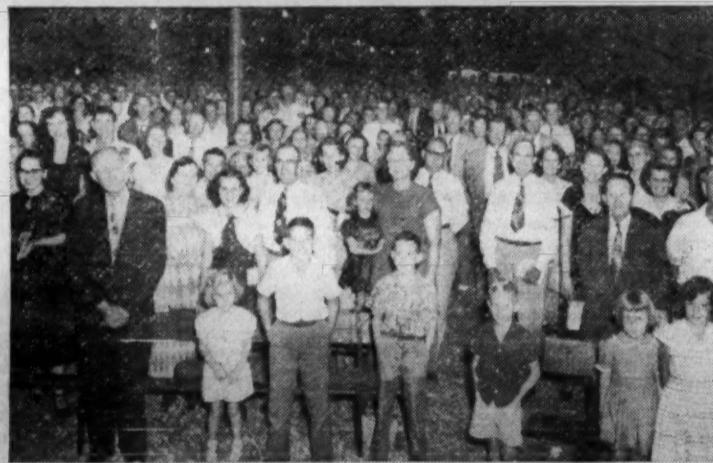
says that the winter and spring schedule is almost entirely filled now, but he still has a few openings. His address is 17345 Northrop Avenue, Detroit 19, Michigan.

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At the half way mark, (September 19) in a Union campaign with forty Evangelical churches of the Rogue Valley, Oregon, area, **EVANGELIST JIM MERCER** tells of several marvelous conversions. A businessman who confessed embezzling company funds was pardoned from a three-year sentence. Two women of false cults found Christ, and an elderly man came to Christ. The meeting closed September 28. A more complete report will follow.

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EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON wrote on September 20, "My wife, Ann, went HOME to be with the Lord this morning at 12:13 a.m. She was completely paralyzed from polio. He doeth all things well." We know readers will remember him in prayer.



The picture above shows the crowds which attended the Union Revival with Evangelist Phil Shuler in Mobile, Alabama.

"Thou Fool!"

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per." You go out. Supposing that when you come back you find me in the front room in your finest chair, with your bedroom slippers on, reading your newspaper, with your radio turned on.

Now, friend, you have a right to do some things at your house that would not be very nice for me to do, and that is because you own your house. And God, by right of being the Creator, has the right to do some things, and He has a right to say some things which you and I never have any right to do or say.

Another reason why God can do that is because His judgment is never in error. I believe I read in **THE SWORD OF THE LORD** where Monroe Parker said: "If God calls a man a fool, you can put it down that that is what that man is."

At a court trial down here, the evidence is never all in. There are always a lot of things in the hearts of men who are in the trial that the judge never knows and the jury is never able in this life to find out. But God knows all the evidence in every case. And if a man is a fool, God knows he is a fool. God has a right to say that is what He is. God has a right to say some things, God has a right to do some things that nobody has a right to say or do. God can act in perfect accuracy where you and I might make a thousand mistakes.

Now I don't think anybody ever made any bigger mistake than this fellow made in the parable that our Lord told. And when you get your eyes on the world, when all you can see is the fashions, when all you can see is money, when all you can think about are the material things of the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life—and you think of that to the place where you have no time for the Lord or no time for God, then God says,

"Thou fool."

I read one time of a rich man who had a very foolish servant, a very frivolous man. The rich man called in the servant and gave him a painted staff, saying, "If you ever meet a man who is a bigger fool than you are, I want you to give him that staff."

This servant went out carrying this painted staff. In the years to come he met a lot of men whom he did not think were up to par; he didn't think they were as good as he; so he was half tempted to get rid of the staff. But after he got to know them a little better, he found they were smarter than he was.

Years went by. The rich man became very ill. He called his servant in, for he was about to die. He said, "I have called you in. I want to say goodbye. I am going on a long trip from which I will never return."

The foolish fellow stood there holding the cane. He said, "You have always been a rich man. You have had a great palace. I suppose you have had a palace built where you are going?"

The rich man said, "No. I haven't."

The servant said, "Well, you say you are going on a trip, never to return; I suppose you are all prepared for wherever you are going to go?"

The rich man said, "No. When I get to where I am going, I will be a pauper. I won't have a penny."

Then the foolish man replied, "Well, if you are going on a journey and never coming back, you must surely have known that you were going."

The rich man said, "Yes, I have known this from my infancy."

The foolish man said, "Do you mean to tell me that you knew from your infancy that you were going to go on a trip, never to come back? You didn't provide anything for the trip? You are not ready to go? Here is your cane."

Rev. Donald George Becomes An Evangelist

Rev. Donald George, graduate of Elohim Bible Institute of Castile, New York, has felt led of God to leave the pastorate and

spend full time in the work of an evangelist in which he has already been blessed of the Lord. We have a good letter from Mr. George M. Trauber, Jr., president of the Perry Knitting Company, Perry, New York, who tells of the earnest Christian work carried on in the plant by Brother Donald George, as he worked his way through Bible Institute, with many saved in the plant. Rev. E. D. Hettinger, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Plymouth, Pennsylvania, writes in glowing terms of the zeal and soundness in the faith of this young man. Rev. Earl W. Beal of the Baptist Church, Perry, New York, and our friend, gives a fine recommendation to the young evangelist, as does Rev. V. S. Greatorex of Rock Glen Baptist Church, Silver Springs, New York. Rev. Ken Dearstyne, Woodstock Methodist Church, Woodstock, New York, and Mrs. Charles Harrington, church clerk of Bumperville Union Church, both tell of good revival campaigns in their churches conducted by Brother George. Those interested in contacting this evangelist may write Rev. Donald George, 48 Pierce Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

He handed it back. "Of all the fools that I have met, I never met one of your equal."

That is the lesson in this parable which Jesus told. When you live for this world; no time for Christ; no time for His blood; no time to be saved and to live for God—God says, "Thou fool," and He speaks with perfect accuracy.

Now some people think it is no sin to covet, no sin to lust. They think it is a sin to get drunk. They think it is a sin to lie, to cheat, to steal and do things like that. But they cannot see that there is any sin in being covetous. Our Lord had a lot to say about that in His Word. In the Old Testament it says, "Thou shalt not covet." Paul said in Romans, chapter 7, "I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Paul said, "I should not have evil desire. But I saw that I had evil desire and then by the law I saw that I was filled—from the crown of my head all the way through—with evil desire and sin."

The Jews used to say when a baby is born that he is born with his hands clinched, and grabbing for all he can get. But when you die, you die with your hands wide open. You don't take anything along with you to the grave.

Now I don't think this rich man lied. I don't think that he stole. I don't think Paul did; but Paul said that he had that kind of evil desire. Friend, you can have the finest land, you can have the most beautiful home, you can have all the money that this world can shove down into your pocket, but if you do not know Jesus, you are not rich before God. I can prove that from the Bible.

Jesus said—to the Laodicean church, "You are rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," but He said, "I tell you that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." You might have everything in the material nature, but when Jesus is knocking on the door, you are a pauper and a fool in the sight of God.

The Rich Man Had a Good Location

Now I would like to say a few things about this man in the parable. First, he had a good location. He lived on a farm. He had about the cleanest moral atmosphere there was back in that time. Be-

Billy Graham at Pittsburgh

By the Editor

We are glad to have from the Billy Graham Party, copies of the *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, with write-ups of the Graham campaign now on in Pittsburgh.

Saturday, September 13, in an editorial, the *Sun-Telegraph* said the following:

"The Editor Says:
Billy Graham
Is Big News"

"Billy Graham's evangelical campaign, drawing thousands of Pittsburghers nightly to Hunt Armory, is big news. Judged by any of the standards by which it may be considered, according to one's individual point of view, it is interesting. The SUN-TELEGRAPH is giving its reports of the meetings space and position allotted only to major news stories, and feels it is fully justified in doing so. Whether regarded as a great religious revival, which of course it is, or as an example of the power of an eloquent pulpit orator to sway human minds, or as a study of crowd psychology, Billy Graham's coming to Pittsburgh is an important event."

"Those bitter-minded cynics who like to sneer at big-scale revival meetings of this kind can find little material for sarcastic remarks. Sponsors of the campaign have disarmed potential critics of the possibility of calling it a 'racket' by disclosing that the evangelist is accepting no part of the donations. He receives a salary from his sponsoring organization—a salary which most workers in the learned professions would consider quite modest, especially in these days of inflated dollars and high taxes. And, while it is true that the minister sometimes gesticulates violently in driving home his points, no one can say, as has been said in the past of such meetings, that it is undignified. Billy

Graham commands respect. His appeal is to reason; he tries to minimize emotionalism."

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"Even the necessarily abridged newspaper reports of Dr. Graham's sermons make good reading. They are in refreshing contrast to the bombast of some of the political speeches with which we are now being assailed on all sides. One of the things which especially impresses us is Billy's appeal to young people. In one of his sermons this week he said the young people who have turned to Christ are having the best time of all today's young people. 'They know where they are going.' When you think of the unhappiness and bewilderment from which so many young people are suffering, as you see it reflected in their follies and tragedies that get into the newspapers, the conclusion is inescapable that Billy Graham is right."

The *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph* on Monday, September 15, has a four-column article with a headline that says "22,000 Hear Graham Preach as Revival Outdraws Pirates." The services have been moved to Forbes Field, home baseball field of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and on Sunday afternoon, the staff writer says, 22,000 people heard Billy Graham preach, and 653 "answered Billy Graham's call for penitence."

Thank God for blessed revivals. May God raise up many more evangelists, Spirit-filled and powerful, to warn America of its sins and to call sinners to Christ.

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"Dear Pastor: Thank you so much for your kind letter and I am very sorry that I must advise you that Ray Cutchin's schedule is completely filled through December 9, and he could not arrange a campaign with you before that time...."

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"Dear Pastor: I feel sure Claude McDonald would be happy to consider your kind invitation, but for the fact that his fall schedule is completely filled...."

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"Dear Pastor: Ralph Dodd is already scheduled to be with the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, November 10 through 23...."

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"Dear Pastor: I am sorry but... Dick Melton will be in Benton, Illinois, November 18 through 30...."

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"...Joe Rice will be in Charleston, West Virginia, the date you wanted him...."

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"...The schedule of Dolphus Price is completely filled through November 30...."

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"...Jimmie Threlfall has no time open before December 9th...."

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"...I am sorry, Eddie Wagner and Jim Stoutsborough have promised Dale F. Stewart of Springfield, Colorado, to be with the First Baptist Church there November 19 through 30...."

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"...I am sorry, but Dr. Oscar Wells will be in a union revival campaign in Fruita, Colorado, Nov. 30 through December 14, and cannot be with you. This man should be twins!...."

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vival going Christmas week. Get about a hundred conversations Christmas night, and I think God will know that you appreciate that He sent His dear Son into the world. That is why people are not serving the Lord. They are too busy. And God says to the unsaved, "Thou fool." He had a good location.

The Rich Man Had a Good Vocation

He had a good vocation. I think farming is a good vocation. It is an honest vocation. You put your sweat on the ground, then you get your gold and your silver out of your work. Now I didn't say that every farmer is honest. We have a market house close to where I live. I get those boxes of strawberries with great big ones on the top and those little peewees underneath. I don't say all farmers are honest. I have gone over there and bought oranges. Underneath there was crepe paper or something to fill up the box. A fellow ran a big farm down below where we lived and I used to go there to buy milk. He poured the milk out into a jar, then he washed the crock out with some water. Now there is nothing wrong with that. But he washed a quart crock out with about two or three gallons of water and poured it in amongst my milk. I don't see anything right about that. I don't say all farmers are honest, but I say it is an honest vocation that this fellow was in.

He didn't rent his farm out to a beer joint. He didn't gamble over on Wall Street. He was making an honest living by honest toil out in the fields and bringing in the grain. I think he had good cattle. He might have bought them in Syria, or brought them from Egypt. Then he had nice horses. I believe he was the kind of a farmer who kept the lawn mowed. I think his buildings were all painted, beautiful to look upon.

If you had lived next door to that fellow you would have said that he was about the best neighbor that you knew throughout the community. He might have gone to the house of God. He was an orthodox Jew. I think that he paid his tithe. I believe that he tried to observe the law the very best that he could. He may have been out a few times to prayer meeting; and maybe out on Easter morning. But God said to him, "Thou fool."

But He Was a Fool

Some people would say, "That fellow with that big farm—nobody could put a finger on his character. Why don't you let him alone?" But Jesus said, "Thou fool," when he looked at that man.

There is a passage in Luke 16: 15 which you won't forget when I read it to you: "For that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

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'Thou Fool'

(Continued from page 5)

You just tell me what men highly esteem, then I will tell you what is the curse in the sight of God. What do you highly esteem?

I don't want to take all evening preaching. I am against the movies, and all of you know it. You hear about the movies everywhere you go. They are "highly esteemed" among men. They have even David and Bath-sheba in the movies. They have Samson and Delilah. What could be wrong with that? That is like putting sugar on Paris green. It is poison. They are just giving it to you in religious form.

I remember when I was pastor, the first charge I was ever on, one of the members came to visit me. The parsonage was about to fall to pieces. Everytime the wind blew, the roof went up and down and waved good-by. We had to prop bricks up against the parsonage in order to hold it together.

I told the deacon one time, "I couldn't buy oats to feed a nightmare with what you fellows give me for a salary." This member came to me and he said, "Joe, I want to invite you to a good show over in the next town."

I said, "What is the name of it?"

He said, "One Foot in Heaven."

I said, "What's that like?"

He said, "It is about a preacher in an old broken-down parsonage, and he didn't get any salary, and he had a pretty tough time."

I said, "Why in the world do you think I ought to see a thing like that?" I said, "Do you know what I feel like telling you? I feel like telling you what Peter said to the Lord, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.'" I want to go whole body into Heaven, not just one foot when I go.

I am against the movies. Even if everybody thinks they are all right, the Lord says they are a curse to me. Everybody in the community thinks it is all right. Here is a good business man. You have never trusted the Lord Jesus. You don't know Him as your Saviour. The Bible says that anything that men highly esteem is a curse. And friend, God says, "You fool."

The Fool's Talk

I would like to tell you some things about a fool. Back in Psalm 14:1 is the fool's talk. It says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Now it doesn't say that a fool stands down on the street corner and yells with all his might, "There is no God." The fool says down in his heart, "There is no God." You see, he

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

Jesus, and God wrote you down as a fool.

The Fool's House

And now another thing: the fool's house. In Matthew, chapter 7, the Lord Jesus told about two men. He said:

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Then He said:

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Now the Lord did not say that this man didn't have a nice house built on the sand. I think everybody in the community thought his house looked as nice as the fellow's on the rock. But the Lord said that he built it on sand. And when the wind came, and the floods struck, then the house dropped, and the Lord said, "Great was the fall of it." People stood around after that with their eyes open, stood in great amazement as the Lord spoke as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

The Fool's End

Now the final thing is the fool's end. That is the verse I am preaching on tonight. "Thou fool, this night..."

I remember one night I went back to a meeting like this. A man was standing there whom I tried to win to the Lord. He never would come. I stood by his side and I urged him to come to Jesus. Everybody called him Pat. I said, "Pat, don't you think you had better come to Jesus?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Pat, I want to ask you a few things I have never asked you before." I said, "Winter is coming on. I suppose you have your stove already set up for the winter. Do you have any wood cut?"

"Yes, Joe. If it gets cold, I have the wood all cut; I've got the stove in."

"I want to ask you something else. I noticed your garden and the fine things that you had planted this summer. Did your wife care any of them? Do you have any of them down in the cellar in case you get a big snow and can't get out?"

"Joe, we have the shelves in the cellar just loaded. They are all full. If nobody else can get any food, I will have plenty of it here."

I said, "I want to ask you something else. Did you ever think lightning might strike your house? Do you have it insured?"

"Joe, I have everything insured. The house is insured. My wife is insured, I have insurance. We have insurance. We have lots of potatoes. We have lots of food down in the cellar. We are all ready."

I said, "Are you ready if you die tonight? Suppose God would call you out of this world. Are you ready for that?"

He bowed his head.

Friend, are you ready for that? You might be ready for everything else, but are you ready if God should call you tonight? And He may do it.

I read of a mother one time who carried a little baby to see the doctor. The preacher went along. She said, "Doctor, my baby has not opened his eyes in the last couple of days, and I am worried."

The doctor took some salve, rubbed it on the baby's eyelids, then he said, "Lady, your baby hasn't seen anything for three days. Your baby has gone blind. Your baby will never see anything."

When that struck into her heart, she let out a wail that filled the office. The doctor and the preacher bowed their heads and both began to cry. After awhile the mother got up and walked out carrying the baby in her arms. The doctor then looked at the preacher and said, "I could have saved that baby's sight if only she

had brought the baby in just a day ahead of time." She neglected her baby, and the baby lost his sight.

You say, "Oh, how I pity her!" But friend, you had ten thousand times rather go blind in the eyes than blind in soul. Some of you people tonight are neglecting. You know what you ought to do. You know you have your business; you are hanging on to this, and you are hanging on to that, when you know that you ought to come. You go to bed at night thinking about a new barn. You ought to think about the new birth. And God says to you, "Thou fool."

I often picture in my mind this man on this terrible night. I believe the architect came over and knocked on the door. He said, "Now I have the plans all ready. The rich man says, "Yes, come on into the drawing room." I think when they entered there, the architect unfolded the plans and said, "Now I know that you will need a lot of room, and so we have planned for that. This is the picture of the way the barn is going to be."

I believe that while they were talking the man's wife came in. She said, "I have put the children to bed, and I am going to bed, too, if you don't mind." The husband said, "All right." She went on to bed. They sat there. He couldn't talk about baseball or politics, or Korea, or anything like that. But when they talked about that new barn, when they talked about that farm, the rich man just seemed to light up! So that is what they talked about.

Along about midnight the architect said, "Well, now I have got to go home. I know my wife has been waiting. She has something for me to eat before we go to bed." So he got up and said goodnight, and went outside the door. I think the rich man turned the key in the lock, then went around and pulled down all the blinds. Then I believe he was going to bed, but he couldn't go to bed. Do you know why? Oh, that new barn! He is planning for years ahead. "Now my crops are all right. If I can just get this new barn up, I will fill it this year. Then next year, maybe we can plan on another barn. And then maybe in a few more years I will be bringing in more money and can plan on another barn. My business is going to expand, and I will be really sitting in ease. Soul, you don't have anything to worry about."

There he sat, in the quietness of his home. You couldn't hear a sound. He raised his eyes, and there was a stranger, all dressed in black. He said, "DEATH, you haven't come for me!"

And Death said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

He said, "I am not ready to go. Why, I never went to church; I never prepared to meet God, and I have a lot of other things planned."

Death said, "I have come, and you have got to go."

But he said, "I am not ready."

But Death just reached out and touched him on the forehead and his heart stopped beating. In a little while his brow became cold. There he sat all alone, in the darkness of that black night, and with everything still.

Early in the morning the servants got up to work out at the old barn. They passed him sitting there, but they thought he had just fallen asleep. They knew he was up late. I imagine when the women came down to work in the kitchen, they saw him sitting there, but as they passed by, they thought he had just fallen asleep. I believe when the wife awoke she was alarmed for no one was there beside her. I believe she jumped from the bed and called one of the hired women and said, "Have you seen my husband? Where is he?"

And she said, "Oh, now, don't worry! He went to sleep down there in the drawing room." I believe she ran. I believe she was afraid he might have had a heart attack the way he had been working. She ran into the drawing room, went over and put her hand on his forehead that was just as cold as marble. She called down the children; called in the neighbors. How they cried!

Then that day they had to have the funeral, as the Jews did. I

think a man from the synagogue stood up and gave a great oration. I believe he pointed to this man as the beacon light of the community. All young men should follow after him. Then they lowered his body down into the tomb. When the mourners had gone, when the family was back home on the farm, in the darkness of that black night an angel came from Heaven, slipped among the tombstones and in letters of fire wrote on that stone, "Thou fool."

I wonder, friend, if God could write that of your life tonight. Won't you take a lesson from this man? Won't you come and lay down that life and say, "Jesus, you can have me. Tonight you can have me. I won't live for the foolish things of the world; I will build on the blood."

I wonder how many listening to me tonight are unsaved? How many of you who have walked in here don't know Jesus Christ as your Saviour? You are living for the mad rush of this world. Now it might not be a big farm. It might be an automobile. It might be a lot of money. It may be something else that has taken your eyes away from Jesus. Whatever it is, will you come tonight?

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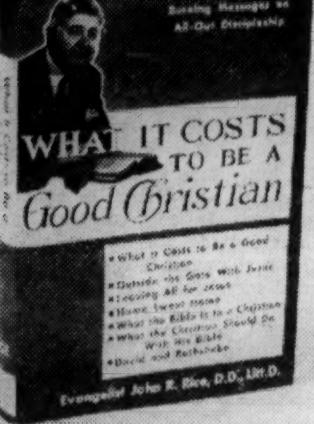
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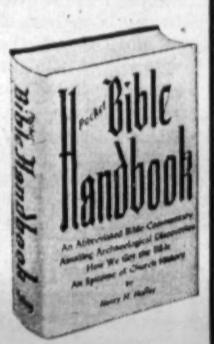
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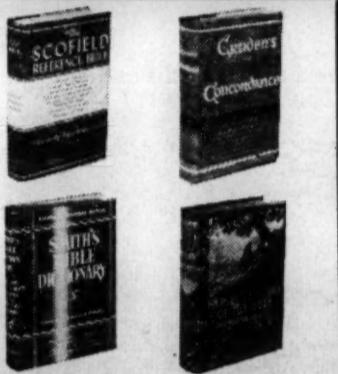
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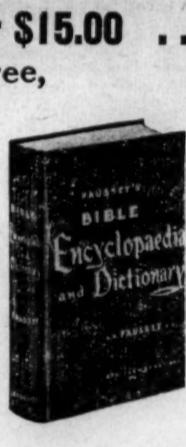
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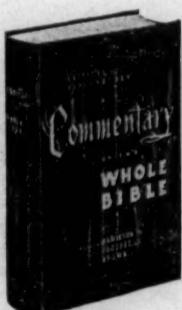
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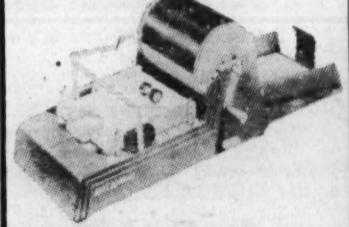


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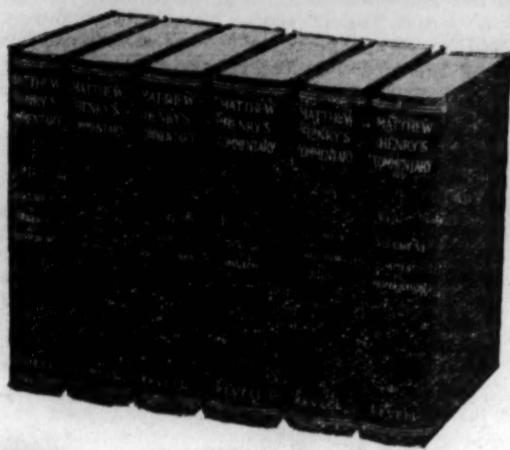
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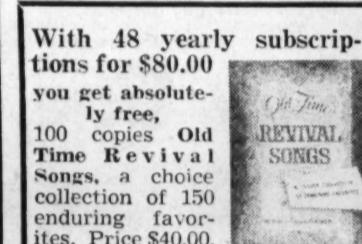


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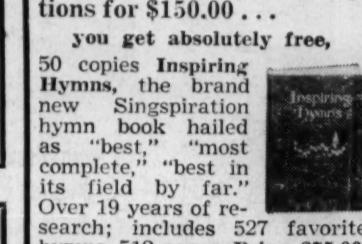
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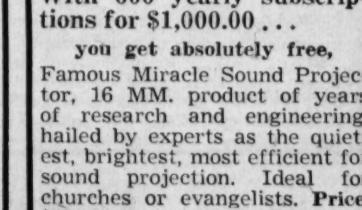
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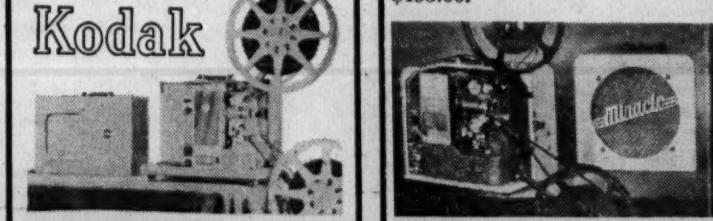


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there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."—Matt. 5:21-24.

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."—Matt. 6:14, 15.

Jesus spoke emphatically against the sin of censorious criticism in these words:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."—Matt. 7:1-5.

Jesus set the preacher matchless example in listing sins categorically as He preached:

"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."—Matt. 15:19.

Jesus delivered Himself against murder and lying, i.e.:

"Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not"—John 8:43-45.

In Mississippi

We had a nice swing into Mississippi for two meetings. The first was a group meeting held for the fifth year at Jackson. The Edmonds, Catrons, Ichters, Faissts, McCallas, Carpenters, Wilkinsons, Bensons, Middletons, Watts, Seals, Mikells, Brinsons, and Halbrooks came from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Illinois. Some we knew. Some we did not know. It was our first

Editor's Vacation

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Monday morning they went by jeep and horseback into the Shoshone District (between Cody and Yellowstone Park) where they will look for deer, bear and elk, with perhaps some fishing and gamebird shooting on the side.

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attendance upon the meeting. It was a great meeting of fellowship and spiritual devotion. We were asked to bring the message.

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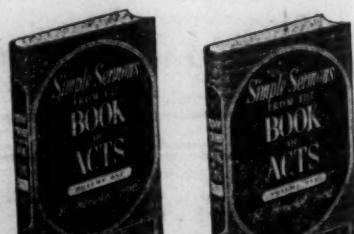
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You pray for the preacher and you share in his reward. You "hold up the hands" of the evangelist and you will not be without reward. You give the Lord's money He places in your hands and you will share in the reward for all the fruitage accruing from that gift. If it helps an evangelist preach the Gospel and win souls—you have preached the Gospel and won souls. You have that reward. If your Lord's money goes to erecting a building where and from which the work of the Lord Jesus is done and souls are won—on the word of Jesus you have your

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the church forever. What is the purpose of this abiding Spirit on the earth? What is the purpose of this Third Person of the Godhead; and how may we know to distinguish His work from the work of the Evil One?

(1) The first thing I suggest—and that it is commonplace, I am well aware—is that the Holy Spirit is on the earth in order to *convict sinners of their sin*. "And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." What is the force of the word *convict*? It is one of the strongest words in the English language. *Convict* is a different word from *convince*. Convincing men of sin is the human way; *convince* is a human word. I think I may take any man and convince him that this or that course of sin is hurtful.

But the Holy Spirit is not here to *convince*, or to carry on an argument with respect to sin. He is here to do the work man cannot do—to *convict*, to lock one

reward. The One whose eye is on the sparrow will not overlook you, your service, nor your reward. The One who never forgets will not forget you, your work, nor your reward.

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Preaching is a primary and indispensable spiritual exercise, a God-ordained Gospel procedure! Paraphrasing: 'By your preaching are you known.'

A worldly, rebellious, sinful church member will want cold, compromising, formal preaching. They want no preaching against sin and worldliness. They want no preaching on Hell and total depravity. They prefer the song service. They make all the socials but no prayer meetings, no revivals, no visitation programs. They substitute radio, TV, baseball, the beaches, auto-riding, secular reading, sleeping, and such like for the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

No known thing can substitute for the preaching service. It is indeed a worship service. It is where inspiration is bred for doing big deeds for Him! It is second only to the prayer practice in kindling spiritual fires. It is the place and time for the largest number of public professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the service that welds together the church in real Christian fellowship.

God in His Word says sweet and strong things about preaching not spoken of other Christian functions. Here is one such compliment and testimony to the place and power of preaching:

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." —I Cor. 1:17-25.

Another is:

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they

up, as it were, with his sin, so that he cannot escape. This is the distinctive work of the Holy Ghost. It is a work that neither man nor church can do. All the influence that man may possess can never do a work distinctively given over to the Holy Ghost.

We talk about the coming revival. What we want to do is to fall in line with the great movement of God in all the ages, and the revival is here. The revival will be along the line of the old-time doctrine of conviction of sin. One reason why there are not more conversions is because the work does not start with the Holy Ghost in the heart of the sinner, convicting him of his sin. When you have the Holy Spirit settling down upon the hearts of sinners and locking them up as it were, in their sin, until they cry: "Open the door, and let me escape from the body of this death!"—then you will have a revival.

(2) The next work of the Holy Ghost is to take these convicted sinners and *regenerate* them. "Ye must be born again," said Jesus. This "born again" expression is a very significant one. It means a great deal more than conversion. We speak of this and that man as having been converted. Conversion means a *turning from*. I am following a certain course; I stop in my progress, realizing that that course is wrong, and turn from it. That may be purely a human work; the Holy Spirit may have nothing to do with it. A reformation, of course, is a very desirable thing, provided the first work and the second work of the Holy Spirit have been done. But if the Holy Spirit has not put in the heart the desire for the change, then that reformation will only last for a time.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to do the convicting of the sinner and to give him a new heart.

True revival will not be worked up by machinery, but simply by God's people waiting as the disciples waited in the upper room, until He comes and works His purpose in their hearts, so that men will confess Christ because they cannot help it—because of the inworking power that they, cannot control.

(3) Then the Holy Spirit *seals the regenerate heart*. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed," said the apostle. When we ship freight by carloads

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call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." —Rom. 10:13-17.

John the Baptist preached (Matt. 3:1). Jesus preached (Matt. 4:17, 23; 11:5; 12:41; Mark 2:2; Luke 4:18, 19, 43, 44).

Jesus commands others to preach (Matt. 10:7, 27; Mark 16:15, 20).

Simon Peter preached (Acts 2:14-41; 4:4-12).

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God is going to send an angel to preach (Rev. 14:6).

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We are "sealed unto the day of redemption." I thank God that the power that is within us is greater than the power that is without. Oh, trembling soul, are you afraid that the Devil will get the victory over God? You may have your property taken from you, and the friends you love may go; but do you know that nothing can happen to you without the permission of God? If we are God's children, the power that dwells within us is greater than the powers that are without us.

Mr. Moody used to say that he never knew a Christian worker whose name was worth being on the roll who was in doubt about his personal salvation. The Holy Spirit, in giving us the assurance of salvation, settles for us the greatest question that ever throbbed in any human breast.

(4) It is also the purpose of the Holy Spirit to give us *growth in grace*. The fruit of the Spirit—not fruits, but one great luscious fruit with many component parts—is joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance, faith.

The matter of growth in grace is one that is widely talked about among Christians. It is a popular subject in our young people's meetings, and yet it is the one subject, perhaps, about which we know experimentally the least of all. Have you grown in grace since you were saved? Are you any bigger? Is it not a fact that some of us are more joyless, more greedy, more impatient, than we were? Do we bear the fruit of the Spirit—the fruit of joy, for instance? Have we grown in peace, or are we as harassed as ever? Have we grown to be more long-

suffering, gentle, good, meek, temperate? God's method of growth in grace is by the Holy Spirit. We are to hand over to Him the chart of our life, and let the Holy Spirit work in us.

(5) The Holy Spirit is also here to enable us to interpret the Word of God. We must have teaching from above.

Some years ago I was in a town in one of the Southern States upon a preaching appointment. The town, which is only a small one, is famed for one of the most magnificent caves to be found in the world. It has beautiful stalagmite and stalactite deposits, and is a wonder even in the Southern States, where there are several similar caves, although none so grand as this. My preaching appointment was in the evening; and in the afternoon a friend suggested a visit to the famous cavern.

Arriving at the cave, our guide presented us each with a little candle, and then we descended something like twenty, thirty, or forty feet. We came into a chamber containing some magnificent formations. But looking at them by the light of my candle I did not see anything very glorious, and I told the guide so.

"You are the first man that ever came into these caves and criticized them," he said.

We went a little further, and I repeated that I did not see anything very striking.

"Well, you are a hard man to please," rejoined the guide. We went further, and entered what was known as the Audience Chamber. By this time my candle began to flicker, and nearly went out; and, not seeing anything striking, I wished to return. But the guide unwound a long spool of ribbon and touched the end of it with the light of my candle. Instantly there flashed along the cave a light, the brilliancy of

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When I got back to my hotel the spiritual application of that all but sacred scene dawned upon me. I had been ambitious in my youth and desired to be thought an orator, and trusted a great deal to my own intellect. But that light in the cavern seemed to say to me: "You do not know your Bible. You are relying upon your own intellect—that little candlelight—and before you is a great mine, a storehouse of treasure. You have looked at these things with the flickering light of human reason. Surrender your flickering light, your personal judgment, your education, and let it be touched with the great magnesium light of the Holy Ghost; then, indeed, 'In his light ye shall see light.'

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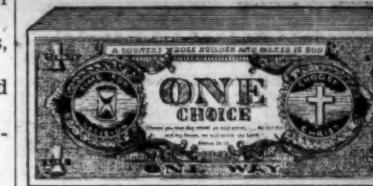
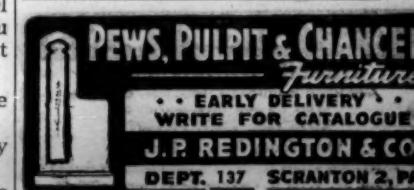
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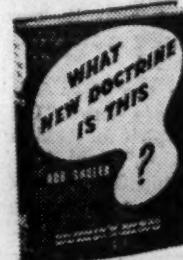


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message throughout the world through her army and navy. "Thirty days," was her confident reply. And that, in a Victorian age with all its limitations! Ours is a new day of communication, transportation and facility. That which is done in a corner today is known around the world tomorrow. What is local one moment can be universal the next. One can scarcely think out loud without being heard in the antipodes. *The Reader's Digest* report of the Atlantic sinking of the *Flying Enterprise* furnishes food for thought. News agencies, radio and television services spent over one million dollars and hazarded many lives to keep the world abreast with hour-by-hour reports of that saga of the sea. Within ten minutes of the fatal plunge, Britain and America knew, and within twenty minutes, from Karachi to Bagdad, from Capetown to Brisbane, the news compassed land and sea. That's today! Yet today, in our generation, there are more hungry-hearted, uninformed, untold and unfed than in any hour of history.

Simeon Calhoun affirmed in his by-gone day, "It is my deep conviction, and I say it again, if the Church of Christ were where she ought to be, twenty years would not pass away until the story of the Cross would be uttered in the ear of every living man." The church of every generation is commissioned by Christ to evangelize the world in its generation and so present Him as the only Saviour and divine Lord that every human being will have a fair opportunity to intelligently accept or reject Him. The early Christians did just that. "They that were scattered abroad WENT EVERYWHERE preaching the Word," so much so that it was reported of them, "these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 8:4, Acts 17:6). Can you, can I, honestly affirm that in apostolic fashion and like David of old, we too are "serving our generation by the will of God"?

Now what is the matter? Putting aside fancy talk, we must get out of our rut and take the Gospel to those who have it not...every creature...all the world...all nations (even those behind curtains). This must be the purpose, passion and scope of modern missions.

Jesus said, "My Gospel shall be preached in all the world." I take this as a command and a prediction. If a command, it MUST be done! If a prediction, it WILL be done! All because it should be done and can be done! But not with the present snail's pace! There must be a recklessness, an abandon, a giving all...and then will come the divine implementation without which it would be an impossibility. Away then with pessimism, be gone apathy...come abandon, daring that will equal that of a twentieth century communist.

I say, the hour for defeatism is over! All the talk about "closed doors" and "closing doors" with "one year left to evangelize this foreign country and eighteen months in that!" Who said so? One would think the Cause is lost, that God is dead! The tomb of Lazarus presented a "closed door" too! Jericho's gates were "straightly shut up" too, but not by God! Well might be pondered the rejoinder of Jesus when the weeping sisters of deceased Lazarus cautioned Him against any rash move. Hear His rebuke, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" Here too, was one of those 'impossible' situations. Things had gone too far, too long; "he hath been dead four days...by this time he stinketh." But when, at His command, life-giving blood started coursing through those shrunken arteries of their beloved, their thoughts of discretion, their doubts and fears were cast to the winds. They were standing in the presence of the Resurrection and the Life, all unaware.

I say, the crumbs that fall from the spiritual tables in America would satisfy the hunger of millions of famishing souls who plead for bread. Our neglect is criminal, our position untenable! There is no excuse for such apathy, inertia, selfishness, disobedience. It is unjustifiable, indefensible! God help us!

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, was once asked how much time would be required to dispatch a light of the world...let your light

so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." God's word declares, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world...this is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith." But what kind of faith is manifest by us if we concede we are fighting a losing battle, that the light is going out not to be rekindled in our generation, perhaps never? Away with such wicked philosophy, such negativism! How can God honor it? It is analogous to that of the woman who prayed the "prayer of faith" for the "mountain to be removed" from her property and when nothing happened betrayed her unbelief all the while with, "I knew it wouldn't happen." How could it happen?

Defeatism Is A Sin!

We must get our eyes off the waves or we'll go down too, just like Peter. We must stop counting devils—that makes them multiply! Let's discourage discouragement! Quell it, stanch it, rebuke it! God never uses a discouraged man even though he be an Elijah! Like David of old, let's "encourage ourselves in the Lord our God." Let's affirm IT CAN BE DONE and do it! Let's revamp our thinking, discard our outworn cliches. Instead of saying alarmingly, "It's now or never" let's simply say, "IT'S NOW." Stop moaning, "If God doesn't help us...so and so will happen." God WILL help us and that right early. Put an end to plans for foreign evacuation...retrenchment! Is not Christ's campaign calculated for conquest? Formulated for success, not defeat? Get out of our minds that God is through with this world, or huge segments of it. This is Satan's strategy, pure and simple, and he is a "liar and the father of it."

"There is no substitute for victory," were the destined-to-be-immortal words of General Douglas MacArthur in his report to the nation concerning the shamefully attenuated, half-prosecuted, stalemate-of-a-war in Korea. So, in the Lord's rank and file, half measures will not do. It is impossible for us to merely hold our own. We must advance. We must stop beating retreats. One lesson modern warfare has taught is the discovery that defensive action can never bring any sort of final victory. "The best form of defense is attack," says the military. So, for the Christian the only adequate defense is a dynamic, Christ-led offence. Just "living in a house by the side of the road" will not do. Passive goodness will not do. We must strike while the iron is hot. If it is not hot, then make it hot by striking, and strike so hard for God that it will react simultaneously throughout the earth...BOTH in Jerusalem [the home base]...and to the uttermost part of the earth." Last minute feints against the enemies flanks, all the while planning for eventual defeat when ever the enemy arbitrarily decides to steam-roller us—what kind of warfare is that? Hurried, little feverish efforts to get the Gospels printed and distributed in foreign lands, to send forth the missionaries, to train the natives "before we are forced to run from before the communists" is simply caterpillar into the Devil's hands. This has got to stop! If all the Eliabs, the Abinidabs, the Shammahs must quail before Goliath, may some, may one stripling of a David have the audacity to come against him for the honor of God's Cause and the glory of His name.

In the battle against "principalities, powers, etc., etc.," are we not to be given power to "stand, and having done all to stand [remain victor on the field]?" Is not ours a victorious warfare? Then there is no substitute for victory! What Constantine saw in a apparition in the sky is ours to envision as the hosts of light, "By This Sign Conquer"...WITH THE CROSS OF JESUS, GOING ON BEFORE!

When, (not IF) God rolls back the iron curtain, pushes back the bamboo curtain and rips asunder the purple curtain, let's be ready to march! Our forces all marlled, our staffs in our hands. The God who rolled back one Red sea long ago, can roll back the "red" tidal wave which threatens

to inundate earth's millions who exist in ignorance, superstition and want. Yet, what in Heaven's name would we do with the opportunity if God should open China, Russia, Poland, etc., to the Gospel tomorrow? Could we get the Bread to them before they perished in the way? Yet, that could conceivably happen. What are man-made curtains compared to Him "that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them all away as stubble. TO WHOM THEN WILL YE LIKEN ME, OR SHALL I BE EQUAL? SAITH THE HOLY ONE. Lift up your eyes on high... Isa. 40:21-26. The same God who dethroned the reason of mighty Nebuchadnezzar and drove him out into the field to eat grass like an ox; who put His hook in the nose of King Sennacherib, can certainly handle Stalin and his ilk. "He removeth kings and setteth up kings" (Dan. 2:21). But who believes it and prays for it? Creep-hanging critics, there are many; but few today with the faith of the men of olden times.

"The time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms... And these all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us...Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin [of unbelief] which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, LOOKING UNTO JESUS..." Heb. 11:12.

Timidly, Christians make but token efforts to seize the offensive. The months back in the United States from the ends of the earth have helped crystallize in my mind an opinion as to what constitutes chiefly the plight of the world. Three factors contribute decisively and the last one I shall name is worse, more disastrous, than the first two put together.

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